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Re: **U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/439,594, Filed November 12, 2002**  
**Divisional Application of U.S. Pat. Appl. Ser. No. 09/104,067 (filed 6/24/98)**  
For: **DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF SPECIFIC TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES**  
**THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION**  
**Elazar Rabbani et al. (inventors)**  
**Our Ref. No.: Enz-58(D1)**

Dear Examiner Tung:

This letter is just to let you know that we filed a response last week in connection with the above-identified application. The title of the paper is "Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 (In Response To The July 30, 2003 Office Action)" and it was filed by Express Mail on August 8, 2003. A copy of just the first two pages of this paper is enclosed for your information.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments, or if further information is required.

Thank you.

Cordially,  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald C. Fedus'.

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